

## Message Text

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1. HONDURAS 2. CNTRY CODE: 215 3. SER. NO: 0010900
  4. CASA COMERCIAL MATHEWS, S.A.
  5. APARTADO POSTAL 39, BARRIO LA BOLSA, COMAYAGUELA, D.C.
  6. TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
  7. ESTABL: 1949 8. EMPL: 150 9. SIZE: (20-X) MEDIUM
  10. REPUTATION: (22-X) GOOD
  11. SELLS ITS PRODUCTS IN HONDURAS
  12. RPT. DATE: 04/77
  - 13A. 35310/135 IMP, RET, AND DIST, OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY  
AND EQUIPMENT.
  - 13B. 35190/135 IMP, RET, AND DIST OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION.
  - 13C. 35220/135 IMP; RET; AND DIST; OF FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.
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- 13D. 35610/135 IMP; RET; AND DIS  
FRXYUH PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS.
  14. CONTACT: CHARLES E. MATHEWS, TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER.
  15. CABLE: CEMCOL TEGUCIGALPA 16. TELEX: 1109 CEMCOL HT

17. TEL: 223164

18. FINANCIAL REFS: BANCO ATLANTIDA, S.A., 7 AVE. 5 CALLE, TEGUCIGALPA; BANCO DE HONDURAS, S.A. EDIF. MIDENCE SOTO, TEGUCIGALPA; BANCO DE LONDRES Y MONTREAL LTDO., 4 CALLE 5 AVE., TEGUCIGALPA; BANCO FINANCIERA HONDURENA S.A., 3 CALLE 7 AVE., TEGUCIGALPA; CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, 120 S. LA SALLE ST., CHICAGO ILL. 60603.

19. TRADE REFS: CATERPILLAR AMERICAS CO. 100 N.E. ADAMS, PEORIA, ILL. 61629, JACUZZI BROS, INC. 1151 BENTON HIGHWAY, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72204; TELEDYNE WISCONSIN MOTOR CO., 1910 SOUTH 53 ST., MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53219, ROME INDUSTRIES INC., P.O. BOX 48, CEDATOWN, GEORGIA 30125.

20. AGENCY REP, OF CATERPILLAR AMERICAS CO., 100 N.E. ADAMS, PEORIA, ILL. 61629, FOR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, MOTORS AND HOISTS, ACQUIRED 1949; ROME INDUSTRIES INC., P.O. BOX 48 CEDARTOWN GA. 30125, FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, ACQUIRED 1950; JACUZZI BROS., INC. 11511 NEW BENTON HIGHWAY, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72204, FOR WATER PUMPS, ACQUIRED 1954; TELEDYNE WISCONSIN MOTOR CO., 1910 SOUTH 3 ST. MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53219, FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES, ACQUIRED 1950; FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INDUSTRIAL ENGINE OPERATIONS, 1 PARKLANE BLVD., PT-2 DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126; HYSTER COMPANY, P.O. BOX 334, DANVILLE, ILL., 61832, FOR COMPACTORS, WINCHES, TRAILERS, ACQUIRED 1950; ESSICK MFG. CO., 1950 SANTA FE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021; FOR CONCRETE MIXERS, ACQUIRED 1957; ONAN WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRADING CORP. 1400 73RD. AVE., N.E., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55432, FOR ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS, MOTORS, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACQUIRED 1973.

21. THIS CORPORATION IS ONE OF THE OLDEST REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY. THE FIRM HAS A BASIC CAPITAL OF US\$2,913,935; 1976 SALES WERE ALMOST \$8 MILLION. MR. MATHEWS IS A U.S. CITIZEN AND THE FIRM'S MAJOR STOCKHOLDER. OTHER STOCKHOLDERS ARE IGNACIO MIDENCE, OCTAVIO MEMBRENO AND WENDELL W. SHEFFER (U.S. CITIZEN), ALL WELL KNOWN BUSINESSMEN. IT OPERATES BRANCHZF IN SAN PEDRO SULA, CHOLUTeca AND LA CEIBA. THE TEGUCIGALPA OFFICE SERVICES THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AREAS OF HONDURAS; THE SAN PEDRO SULA BRANCH COVERS THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. THE FIRM'S FINANCES ARE SOUND AND OBLIGATIONS ARE MET PROMPTLY. THE POST COSIDERS THE SUBJECT A ULOOD TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

22. PREPARED BY: H. CASTILLO, APPROVED BY: M. KROMHOUT. BECKER

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